

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are in this application. Claims 1-6 are allowed.

Claims 7-9 have been cancelled. All rights to file or more divisional or continuation applications claiming subject matter disclosed in this application and not presently claimed is preserved.

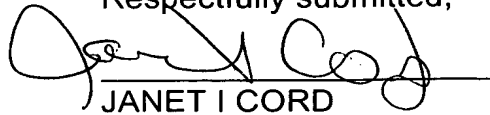
The examiner states that the information disclosure statement filed on December 9, 2004 fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) because it does not include a concise explanation of the relevance of the reference. Applicants respectfully disagree and draw the examiner's attention to MPEP 609.04(a) III. CONCISE EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE FOR NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE INFORMATION

Each information disclosure statement must further include a concise explanation of the relevance... Where the information listed is not in the English language, but was cited in a search report or other action by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance can be satisfied by submitting an English-language version of the search report or action which indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office. This may be an explanation of which portion of the reference is particularly relevant, to which claims it applies, or merely an "X", "Y", or "A" indication on a search report.

The english language search report from the corresponding PCT application PCT/IN00/00067 was filed as part of the information disclosure statement so that the requirements of MPEP609.04 and 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) have been met and the information disclosure statement must be considered by the examiner.

In view of the cancellation of claims 7-9 in this application, no outstanding issues remain and it is respectfully requested that this application be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

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